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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of August 3, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, as well as an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application.

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